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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Stefan JOOS and Peter LICHTER

CPA of Application No. 09/171,854

Parent Filing Date: October 22, 1998

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF  
NUMERICAL CHANGES IN  
CELL DNA**

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Sisson, B.

Attorney's Docket No: 03528.0038.US00

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX CPA**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment prior to considering the application.

**THE AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11 with the following paragraph:

10x DOP primer: 20  $\mu$ M of oligonucleotide 5'CCG ACT CGA GNN NNN NAT GTG  
G3', (N = A, C, G or T; SEQ ID NO: 1).